

Appln. No.: 10/552,209  
Amendment Dated April 10, 2008  
Reply to Office Action of March 18, 2008

MAT-8743US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No: 10/552,209  
Applicant: Keisuke Tsunetsugu et al.  
Filed: June 29, 2006  
Title: VACUUM HEAT INSULATOR AND APPARATUSSES  
USING THE SAME  
TC/A.U.: 1794  
Examiner: Alexander S. Thomas  
Confirmation No.: 6767  
Docket No.: MAT-8743US

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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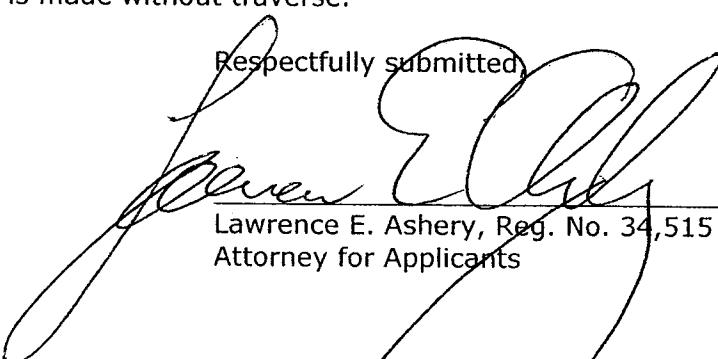
SIR :

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **March 18, 2008**.

The Examiner requires that claims of either Species A or Species B be elected for prosecution. Applicants elect to prosecute Species B related to heat seal layer having melting point below 200 degrees C. The claims that are currently believed to correspond to that Species are claims 15, 17, 22-35.

This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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